

**Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
2016 Regional Conferences
March 18, 2016 – Westgate Agenda**

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome

CDR Timothy A. Craddock, Commanding Officer, NSA Crane

9:15 OCRA Introduction

Marty Vaught, OCRA Southwest Community Liaison

9:30 Program Updates and Overview

Geoff Schomacker, OCRA Deputy Director

Agency overview and updates on programs including Main Street Indiana, Community Readiness, Hometown Collaboration and Stellar Communities.

10:00 What does OCRA look for in competitive grant applications?

Matt Crouch, OCRA Senior Project Manager

Colette Childress, OCRA Project Manager

Aletha Dunston, OCRA CDBG Program Manager

This panel, paired with a question and answer session, moderated by Heather Presley-Cowen, Adjunct Director for Community Development Initiatives with High Performance Government Network, will provide attendees with insights and information that can lead to more competitive grant and program applications.

10:30 Networking Break

10:45 Community Performance Indicators (CPI)

Bill Konyha, OCRA Executive Director

Matt Crouch, OCRA Senior Project Manager

Jill Curry, OCRA West Central Community Liaison

Learn about ways to use data to understand your community's performance. This will be both instructional and hands on and will result in an understanding of the data and how it relates to your community.

11:45 Martin County Bicentennial

Marie Hawkins, Martin County Bicentennial Coordinator

An update on the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in Martin County.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Keynote Address

Indiana Lieutenant Governor Eric Holcomb

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1:00 **Indiana Rural Health**
Don Kelso, Indiana Rural Health Association Executive Director

Learn about opportunities for rural communities to promote and enhance health and wellness through collaboration, promotion and prevention. Highlighted programs include the Indiana Telehealth Network, Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center and the Indiana Rural Workforce Innovation Network as well as how to engage other rural health resources.

1:45 **Networking Break**

2:00 **Historic Renovation Grant Program**
Colette Childress, OCRA Project Manager

A million dollar grant opportunity replacing the Indiana Historic Tax Credit to enhance Hoosier historic structures.

2:15 **Listening Session**

This open forum is an opportunity to share your thoughts with OCRA about community economic development in smaller cities and towns. How might OCRA be an even better partner and resource to your community?

3:00 **Adjourn**